

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Selecto Flash Inc. - Removal Polrep
Final Removal Polrep



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Region II

Subject: POLREP #2
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Selecto Flash Inc.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	A219	Contract Number:	EP-S2-10-01
D.O. Number:	0054	Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	7/13/2012	Start Date:	7/13/2012
Demob Date:	9/11/2012	Completion Date:	9/11/2012
CERCLIS ID:	NJD002148799	RCRIS ID:	

ERNS No.:

State Notification: Yes

FPN#:

Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency removal action.

1.1.2 Site Description

Selecto Flash, Inc. was founded in 1956/1957 and designed, produced and installed graphics for fleet, retail, interior and exterior environmental applications. Selecto Flash, Inc. has owned and occupied the Site since 1980. Between 1926 and 1980, the Site was owned and occupied by the Bates Manufacturing Company, a manufacturer of stapling machines. Selecto Flash, Inc. filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in February, 2012 and has not been operating at the Site for at least one year.

Prior to the late 1980s, Selecto Flash, Inc. used solvent-based inks to produce large-scale silk screen decals. By the early 1990s, printing was fully converted from solvent-based inks to UV inks. Most recently, silk screening operations consisted of burning the decal image onto screens with UV lights and washing the screens with water and a cleaner. Raw materials used in the process included small quantities of solvent-based thinners, developers, retarders, and cleaners. Most of these materials were stored in the paint and solvent storage building (smaller one-story building). The facility was, most recently, considered a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) small quantity generator; however, from 1985 through 1992, the facility's RCRA classification was large quantity generator.

1.1.2.1 Location

The Site is located in a mixed industrial/commercial/residential area at 18 Central Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey (Figure 1). The Site occupies approximately 1.25 acres and extends from Central Avenue to Mitchell Street. The area surrounding the facility consists of commercial and industrial businesses as well as single and multi-family residences. Industrial properties are located along the northwest and southeast boundaries of the Site. The Site is bordered to the south and southwest by residential properties. The adjacent facility to the northwest is the former location of a wholesale dry cleaning supply distributor (Biddelman). The Site consists of the main three-story building, a one-story building, an asphalt parking area adjacent to Central Avenue (front), and two trailers and a woodshop area on a dirt and gravel parking area adjacent to Mitchell Street (rear). The Site is fenced and gated and the buildings are currently locked, however, the facility is vacant and not being fully maintained. Residences are located within 100 feet and thousands of people live and work within a quarter mile of the Site.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

On March 4, 2012, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received a citizen's complaint of "solvent-like" odors emanating from the building at the Site. The Site was used for graphics design and printing until Selecto Flash, Inc. recently went bankrupt. The business is not currently operating as the property goes through bankruptcy proceedings. The Site is a.k.a. for the Orange Valley Groundwater Contamination Site which is proposed to the National Priority List (NPL) for a September 2012 listing. EPA contacted the bankruptcy trustee to gain access to the two on-Site buildings in May 2012. On June 1, 2012, the EPA On Scene Coordinator (OSC) toured the Site with a former minority owner of Selecto Flash, Inc. and observed approximately thirty, 55-gallon drums and hundreds of containers of ink, ink-related chemicals and waste ink stored in both buildings. It was noted that the drums and small container labels indicated that Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) hazardous substances (including flammable wastes) were present. The Site is now essentially abandoned due to the bankruptcy and security cannot be guaranteed. EPA determined that a CERCLA removal action was warranted to address the orphan containers of hazardous substances. After it became clear to EPA through discussions with the bankruptcy trustee and the bank with a lien against the Site that no other entity was financially able or willing to remove the containers of hazardous substances, the OSC requested and was granted verbal authorization to initiate an emergency removal

action on July 12, 2012.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

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2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

EPA conducted a removal action at the site. Between July 23 and 27, 2012, EPA gathered, staged, sampled, and packed 46 cubic-yard boxes and 34 55-gallon drums containing inks, waste inks, and other miscellaneous materials located within the Site. On September 10 and 11, 2012 all packaged wastes were transported off site for disposal. This completes the scope of work authorized in the Action Memorandum for this site.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	Medium	Quantity	Manifest #	Treatment	Disposal
solid waste flammable	gas	1 30-gal	009986990JJK		EcoFlo
liquid waste flammable	liquid	21 55-gal	009986985JJK		EQ Detroit
solid waste	liquid	2 CYB	009986951JJK		EQ Detroit
liquid waste flammable	liquid	1 55-gal	009986985JJK		EQ Detroit
liquid waste flammable	liquid	3 55-gal	009986985JJK		EQ Detroit
liquid waste	liquid	1 CYB	009986896JJK		CVCC
solid waste	solid	1 CYB	009986896JJK		EcoFlo
liquid waste	liquid	4 CYB	009986951JJK		Env. Rec.
liquid waste	liquid	3 55-gal	009986985JJK		EQ Detroit
liquid waste	liquid	4 55-gal	009986985JJK		EQ Detroit
solid waste flammable	solid	1 55-gal	009986986JJK		CVCC
solid waste flammable	solid	1 cyl	009986986JJK		CVCC

solid waste	liquid	37 CYB	009986952JJK		CVCC
solid waste flammable	solid	1 CYB	009986990JJK		EcoFlo

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

2.2.2 Issues

EPA's original estimate of 500 containers of inks, waste inks, and other miscellaneous materials was determined to be low. It is now estimated that there are approximately 2,500 containers.

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

2.4.1 Narrative

The OSC requested and was granted verbal authorization to initiate an emergency removal action on July 12, 2012. Authorization was granted by the Acting Director of the Emergency and Remedial Response Division and provided a total project ceiling of \$100,000, of which \$75,000 is for mitigation contracting.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$75,000.00	\$60,602.76	\$14,397.24	19.20%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$75,000.00	\$60,602.76	\$14,397.24	19.20%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

4. Personnel On Site

OSC: Daniel Gaughan

RM: Mike Swartz

T&D: Janelle Murphy

Operator: John Price

Cleanup Tech: Mark Adams

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.